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Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 3, 2002, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Please amend the subject application as follows:

Please cancel claims 2-8, 11-17, and 19-23.